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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: OVER THE WEEKEND, THE SOVIETS INITIATED NEW CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO DRAW ATTENTION OF US AUTHORITIES TO SERIOUS VIEW THEY TAKE OF CONTINUING JDL HARASSMENT OF SOVIET PERSONNEL AND ESTABLISHMENTS IN USSR. SERIES OF TELEPHONE CALLS IN MOSCOW AND Leningrad PLUS NUMBER OF TELEGRAMS INCLUDE THREATS AGAINST AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN USSR UNLESS EFFECTIVE MEASURES ARE TAKEN AGAINST JDL IN US. A FEW TELEGRAMS DREW LINK BETWEEN PRESIDENT'S PLANNED TRIP TO USSR AND NEED TO CONTROL JDL ACTIVITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGINNING EVENING DEC 31, EMOFFS BEGAN RECEIVING TELEPHONE CALLS AT THEIR RESIDENCES FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO WARNED THAT UNLESS MEASURES TAKEN TO CONTROL JDL IN US, AMERICAN PERSONNEL WOULD BE HARASSED IN USSR. THREE OF FOUR EMOFFS WHO RECEIVED CALLS WERE ADDRESSED BY NAME. ONE CALLER SAID: "I AM WARNING YOU THAT UNLESS YOU TAKE CARE OF THE JEWS IN THE US, THE PROLETARIAT WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU." HE ADDED: "IF THEY ARE HOOLIGANS, WE WILL BE HOOLIGANS TOO."

3. GLEYSTEN TELLS US THAT WHILE SPENDING NEW YEAR'S EVE AT DACHA OUTSIDE Leningrad, HE WAS HARASSED BY MANY CALLS, OBVIOUSLY

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ORGANIZED, THREATENING RETALIATION AGAINST HIM" FOR WHAT HAPPENED IN SAN FRANCISCO. ONE CALLER SAID: "MR. CONSUL, WE ARE COMING AFTER YOU AND WE ARE SO INDIGNANT WE SHALL ENTER." GLEYSTEEN CALLED LOCAL DIPLOMATIC AGENCY (NO ANSWER) AND DUTY OFFICER OF INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES. LATTER ASSURED HIM THERE WOULD BE NO DANGER TO HIM OR HIS FAMILY ALTHOUGH SOVIETS DID NOT THINK IT NECESSARY TO GUARD PROPERTY WITH UNIFORMED MEN.

4. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED TOTAL OF 34 TELEGRAMS OVER JDL ACTIVITIES SINCE DEC 31. THREE CONTAIN DIRECT THREAT THAT UNLESS US AUTHORITIES PUT END TO JDL HARASSMENT, SOVIET CITIZENS WILL INITIATE CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES AGAINST US PERSONNEL IN SOVIET UNION. TWO TELEGRAMS REFER DIRECTLY TO FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. ONE TELEGRAM ASKS: "HOW WILL PRESIDENT NIXON LOOK US IN THE EYES WHEN HE COMES TO THE SOVIET UNION." OTHER SAYS: "DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN GREET PRESIDENT NIXON IN A PEACEFUL MANNER."

5. WE HAVE HAD NO FALL-OUT AS YET FROM BURNING OF SOVIET AUTOMOBILE IN HYATTSVILLE.

6. COMMENT: THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT PRESENT CAMPAIGN OFFICIALLY INSPIRED. SOME CALLERS AND ONE CABLE REFER TO INCIDENT IN SAN FRANCISCO ALTHOUGH SOVIET PRESS HAS NOT YET MENTIONED IT. FURTHERMORE, LIKELIHOOD THAT PRIVATE SOVIETS COULD OBTAIN TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF EMBASSY OFFICERS EXTREMELY REMOTE. THESE HOWEVER ARE NOT REASONS FOR TAKING SOVIET THREATS LESS SERIOUSLY.

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